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can say that, in general, the whole coastline from Novorossiysk to Arkhipo Osipovka is rocky; rugged land masses rise abruptly from the water's edge to a height of anywhere between 30 and 200 meters above sea level. Beaches appear rarely, and then only as gravel deposits at the mouths of streams emptying into the sea.

2. Border guard headquarters in this area was in Novorossiysk, across from the officers' club and the Stalin Movie House; it was a two-story building of gray stone. I remember once someone told me it was the border guard headquarters for Krasnodar Kray.

- a. A unit in the same kind of building on ulitsa Pogranichnaya in Gelendzhik was presumably subordinate to the Novorossiysk headquarters. It had 200 men and four or five officers.

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b. Another border guard unit of 50 to 60 men, presumably subordinate to the Gelendzhik detachment, was located in Falshivvy Gelendzhik.

c. I have no information concerning the above units for the period 1941-1945. During World War II there was a border guard unit in Gelendzhik.

3. Sometime after World War II, several towers 100 to 120 meters high were erected along the seacoast from Novorossiysk to Arkhipo Osipovka. They were of steel-beam construction; on top was a deck on which a wooden guardhouse with windows was built. A walkway, patrolled 24 hours a day, led around these guardhouses (see Sketch No. 2). From what I saw, I would say each tower had a crew of five, who lived in dugouts by the tower. I heard in Gelendzhik that the job of these guards was observation of the coastal area to prevent escapes and unauthorized landings. Towers and guard outposts were connected by telephone. I never saw border guards patrolling up and down stretches of the coastal area itself; I never observed guards with dogs.


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5. I am positive that, until July 1952, no railroad was under construction from Novorossiysk to Tuapse (N 44-05, E 39-06). I doubt that such a project was even contemplated, since I am sure I would have heard of it. 

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1.  Comment. Reference is made to maps AMS Series N501, NL 37-10, and NL 37-11, Scale 1: 250,000, where this railroad line is presented as "under construction".

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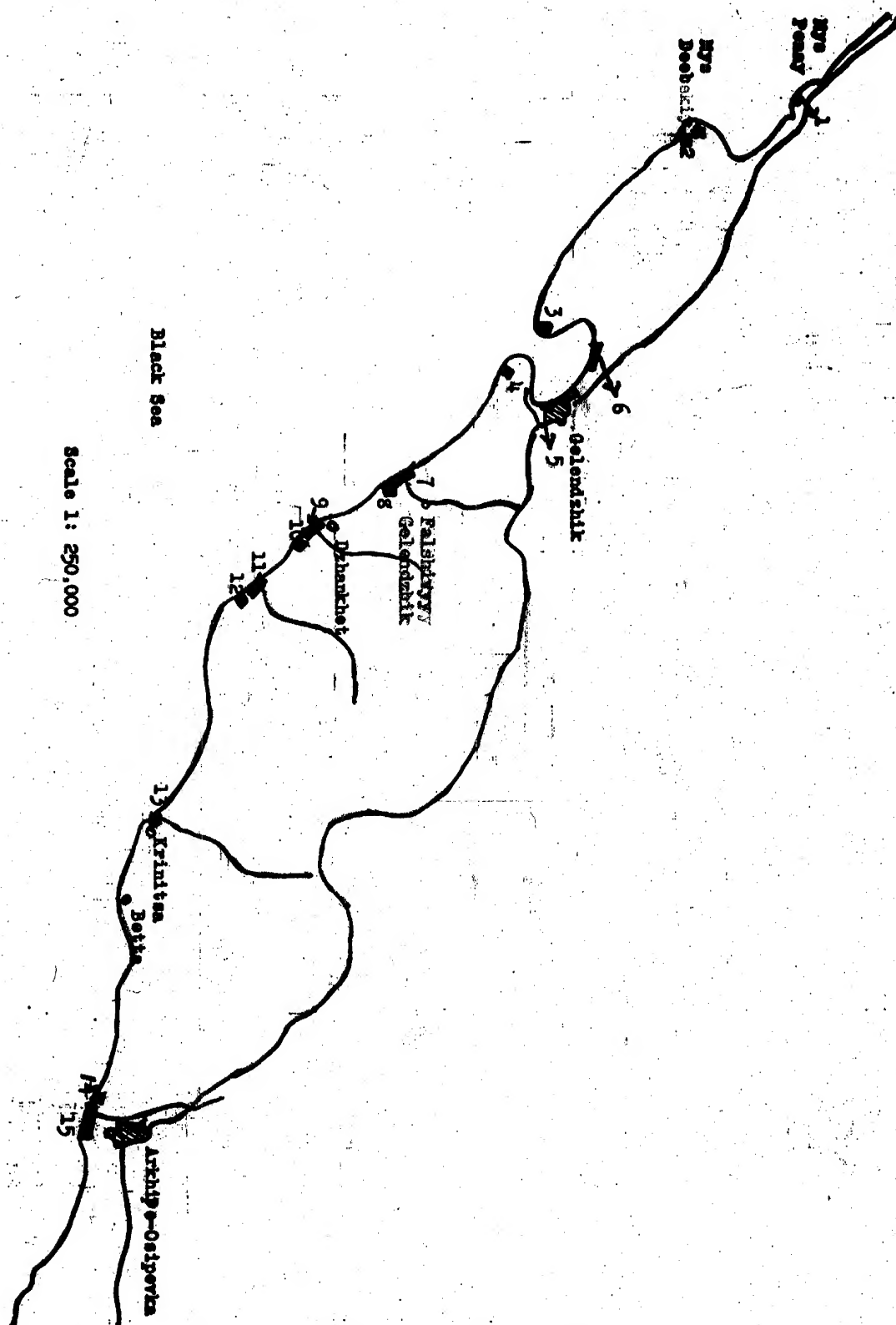
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ENCLOSURE No. 1

Sketch Showing Seacoast and Organization of the Border Guard Service
on the Black Sea Coast from Novorossiysk to Arkhipo Osipovka.



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ENCLOSURE: A (CONT'D)

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1. Border guard post, about 10 men strong; several dugouts and tents. One guard with submachine gun was on duty 24 hours per day.
2. Watchtower
3. & 4. Watchtowers
5. Gelendzhik's city beach (300 m. long, sand).
6. Solntsedar's beach (1000 m. long, sand).
7. Sand beach 1000 m. long
8. Border guard post in dugouts. Strength approximately 10 soldiers.
9. Dzhankhot's beach (400 m. long, gravel).
- 10, 12, 13 & 14. Watchtowers
11. Beach (600 m. long, sand).
15. Arkhipo-Osipovskiy beach (1 km. long, sand).

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Sketch No. 2

Sketch of Watchtower, such as was erected on Black Sea Coast from Novorossiysk to Arkhipo Osipovka.



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